



October 27, 2017

Ex Parte Notice

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: *Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Thursday, October 26, 2017, the undersigned, on behalf of NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association (“NTCA”), spoke via telephone with Amy Bender, wireline legal advisor to Commissioner Michael O’Rielly to discuss matters in the above-referenced proceeding.

Consistent with prior advocacy, NTCA discussed the need to address outstanding issues teed up for reconsideration or further action in connection with high-cost universal service fund (“USF”) reforms, including a recommended, readily available path toward helping to mitigate the pervasive insufficiency of USF support and greater prospective confirmation as to the eligibility of certain expenses for cost recovery. *See Ex Parte* Letters from Michael R. Romano, Sr. Vice President, NTCA, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission (the “Commission”), WC Docket No. 10-90 (filed Feb. 3, 2017; May 3, 2017; May 9, 2017; Aug. 15, 2017).

Thank you for your attention to this correspondence. Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission’s rules, a copy of this letter is being filed via ECFS.

Sincerely,

/s/ Michael R. Romano
Michael R. Romano
Senior Vice President –
Industry Affairs & Business Development

cc: Amy Bender